Our local radio coverage of weather and traffic is terrible. We have one station (WBBM) that does anything on it and I can rarely get it in if I travel 5 miles south of my hose. They do an OK job but their coverage is poor. A great deal of the population of the south suburbs of Chicago have to travel to/from Joliet and Kankakee Illinois. There are no traffic or, more importantly, weather stations available in these areas without XM traffic/weather. Being on the northeastern edge of tornado alley, it's really important to be up to date on weather at all times in this area. Without XM, I would not be able to.